Residential accommodation in Delhi

3290. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of residential accommodation in Delhi and the average number of persons living in them at present; and

(b) the number of Government quarters which Government propose to construct in the current year and in the next year to reduce the shortage of residential accommodation in Delhi and number of estimated private accommodation likely to be available in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) According to the 1981 census the number of occupied residential houses in Delhi is 10,92,065 and the average number of persons living in them was 5.70.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Linking of prices of Agricultural Commodities with consumer price index

3291. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link prices of agricultural commodities with the consumer prices index; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government at present. However, the Government had amended the terms of reference of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, in March, 1980 and the Commission was enjoined, *inter-alia*, to take into account the changes in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors. In observance thereof, the Commission while making recommendations on procurement/support prices takes into consideration, among other factors, changes in prices of commodities purchased by the farmer for use as inputs as also for his home consumption *vis-a-vis* the prices received by him for his produce sold in the market. The Government announced procurement/minimum support prices on the basis of the recommendations made by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.

Paddy crop destroyed by floods in A.P.

3292. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large areas of paddy crop in Krishna, Guntur, Nellor, Prakhasham, East Godavari, West Godavari, Visakhapatnam and Khammam districts of Andhra Pradesh have been destroyed during the recent floods in August-October 1986;

(b) if so, the extent of damage suffered on this account;

(c) whether any special financial assistance is being given to rehabilitate the sufferers; and

(d) if so, the details of the financial assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) According to the Memorandum submitted by the Govern-

ment of Andhra Pradesh, paddy crop over an area of 6.73 lakh hectares is reported to have been damaged on account of floods in the State.

(c) and (d) Based on the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief, a ceiling of expenditure amounting to Rs. 442.60 lakhs has been approved for relief and rehabilitation of affected agriculturists including paddy growers.

Sale of spurious cement

3293. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spurious cement is being sold by the authorised cement agents in the country;

(b) if so, how many persons have been caught and their licences cancelled; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some Delhi Development Authority contractors were held for selling spurious cement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Under the Cement Control Order, 1962, cement produced, stored or sold in the country should conform to ISI specifications. Regular samples of cement from the factories and godowns located in different States/Union Territories are taken for testing by ISI authorities through its network of regional and branch offices spread over the country. In case of adulteration or substandard quality of cement, the licence/ISI certification mark is suspended or cancelled. In addition, State Government/Union Territory Administrations also initiate action under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, against persons who indulge in the sale of spurious cement.

(c) Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

राजघाट बांध के निर्माण कार्य की प्रगति

3294. **डा. गोबिन्द दास रिछारिया :** क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) झांसी के निकट बेतवा नदी पर निर्माणाधीन राजघाट बांध के निर्माण में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है तथा शेष कार्य का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या इस कार्य के लक्ष्य के अनुसार प्रगति हो रही है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) इस कार्य में तेजी लाने तथा इसे निर्धारित समय पर पूरा करने के लिए सरकार क्या-क्या उपाय करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) इस बांध पर प्रस्तावित बिजली घर निर्माण कार्य के कब तक आरंभ हो जाने की संभावना है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) राजघाट बांध के मुख्य निर्माण कार्य की मदों पर कार्य की प्रगति नीचे दी गई है :—

1. मिट्टी बांध— 93 प्रतिशत
2. चिनाई बांध— 33 प्रतिशत
3. भूमि अधिग्रहण कार्य—51 प्रतिशत

(ख) राज्य सरकारों द्वारा धनराशि उपलब्ध कराने में विलंब के कारण कार्य की प्रगति धीमी है ।

(ग) बेतवा नदी बोर्ड की मई-जून, 1985 में हुई 8वीं बैठक में यह निर्णय किया गया था कि उत्तर प्रदेश तथा मध्य प्रदेश सरकारें सातवीं योजनावधि में 50-50 करोड़ रुपए उपलब्ध कराएंगी ।

(घ) बिजली घर का निर्माण 1986 87 के दौरान आरंभ करने का प्रस्ताव है ।